



Quota Club and FEPO report their “Hearing Awareness Week” a great success.

All this week Olga Versteeg of FEPO, (Fundacion pa Esnan cu Problema di Oido) The Foundation for the Hearing Impaired, is conducting tests on individuals that signed up through the Quota Club for free testing of their hearing. Ms. Lenny Thijsen and Linda Perez Fingal report that their campaign to encourage Arubians to be more aware of hearing problems and their solution has proven a great success.

Ms. Versteeg’s schedule for the week was completely filled well in advance, and fifty individuals will receive the benefits. She reports that testing their hearing is something the native population tends to neglect, and if judging by the statistics in Holland, at least ten percent of the islanders are very likely deaf, or have serious hearing impairment. Only a fraction of that ten percent thinks of getting their hearing tested, many of them living with the impairment for years without assistance.

The tests are being conducted this week, but they are always available by appointment for a fee of 25 Aruban florins, or if one has an AZV card, they can be referred to FEPO by their family doctor.

FEPO Director Gerald Keledijk, suggests that all islanders take care to be aware of hearing difficulties, and to see to having their hearing tested, it is easy and simple, and takes no longer than 20 minutes. All those involved in the Quota Club drive hope that the event has brought this problem and its solution to the attention of the public, and that they will take steps to preserve their hearing.